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In re:	Patent Application of Hans Grundei, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 3738
Appln. No.:	09/079,618	: Examiner: H. Phan
Filed:	May 15, 1998	: Attorney Docket
For:	FEMUR ENDOPROSTHESIS FOR ARTIFICIAL HIP JOINT	: No. 8056-80 (E 1875)

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**CLAIM OF FOREIGN PRIORITY AND
TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Applicants hereby claim the right of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 for the above-identified patent application. The claim of foreign priority is based upon Application No. 197 20 493.7 filed in Germany on May 16, 1997, and the benefit of that date is claimed.

Submitted herewith is a certified copy of German Application No. 197 20 493.7.

It is submitted that this document completes the requirements of 35 U.S.C. Section 119, and benefit of the foreign priority is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Subject to the approval of the primary Examiner, applicants propose to amend the sole Figure of drawings as indicated in red on the attached marked-up copy of the Figure. In particular, the prime designations have been removed from each of the reference numerals for simplification, and new reference numerals 31 (to identify the step in the transition region of the shaft) and 41-48 (to identify the various parts and orientations of the femur bone 40) have been added. No new matter has been added by these changes, and entry is respectfully requested. A formal drawing incorporating these changes will be submitted upon approval and upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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